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What is claimed is:

1. A facsimile machine connectable to PSTN and another network and adapted to receive data from a data transmitter over the another network and transfer the data to a recipient, comprising:

a memory for storing delivery conditions, including whether or not a request for data transfer should be accepted, in accordance with at least part of an address of a data transmitter; and

a control unit for determining whether the request for data transfer should be accepted, based on the address of the data transmitter and the delivery conditions.

2. A facsimile machine connectable to PSTN and another network and adapted to receive data from a data transmitter over the another network and transfer the data to a recipient comprising:

a memory for delivery conditions including recipients registered in accordance with at least part of an address of a data transmitter; and

a control unit for determining a recipient of data, based on the address of the data transmitter and the delivery conditions, and transferring the data to the determined recipient.

3. The facsimile machine of claim 2, wherein the delivery conditions include day and time of data transfer.

4. The facsimile machine of claim 1, wherein the another network includes LAN and internet, the data is an e-mail, and the control unit accepts the request for data transfer if the e-mail is received over LAN and does not accept the request for data transfer if the e-mail is received over the internet.

5. The facsimile machine of claim 2, wherein the recipient is specified by a facsimile number or e-mail address.

6. The facsimile machine of claim 2, wherein the controller can transfer the data to a plurality of recipients.

7. The facsimile machine of claim 6, wherein the recipients are specified by facsimile numbers and e-mail addresses.

8. The facsimile machine of claim 2, wherein the recipients include a printer connected to the another network.

9. The facsimile machine of claim 1, wherein the data is printed when the request for data transfer is refused.

10. A data transfer method comprising the steps of:

A) receiving data over a network; and

B) determining whether the data should be transferred to a designated recipient based on predetermined delivery conditions and an address of a data transmitter.

11. The data transfer method of claim 10 further including the step of transferring the data to the designated recipient according to determination made in the step B.

12. The data transfer method of claim 10, wherein the predetermined delivery conditions include day and time of data transfer.

13. The data transfer method of claim 10, wherein the network includes LAN and internet, the data is an e-mail, and the step B determines that the data should be transferred if the e-mail is received over LAN and that the data should not be transferred if the e-mail is received over the internet.

14. The data transfer method of claim 10, wherein the recipient is a printer connected to the network.

15. The data transfer method of claim 10 further including the step of printing the data when the step B determines that the data should not be transferred.